IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFF

IN REAPPLICATION OF:

JON N. LEONARD

SERTAL NO.: 09/475,112

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FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING THE ORIGINATOR OF AN ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE TO PRESET AN EXPIRATION TIME, DATE, AND/OR EVENT, AND TO CONTROL AND TRACK PROCESSING OR HANDLING BY

ALL RECIPIENTS

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Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action dated December 23, 2002. A petition for a two-month extension of time together with the appropriate fees accompanies this response so that it is timely filed. Kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 11, 14, 15, 19, 22, and 25, as indicated by the clean copy in Appendix A and the marked-up copy in Appendix B, attached hereto.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. <u>Interview</u>

Examiner's Le and Kincaid are thanked for the courtesy extended during an interview at Ms. Kincaid's office on May 14, 2003. During the interview, the amendments presented below were discussed generally (no written version was presented), and the following points were made by the undersigned:



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